



Saint Louis Zoo

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Administration of Medication Policy

General

Administering medication and performing medically prescribed and necessary procedures to children while participating in Zoo programs should occur only when an alternate schedule is not feasible.

Medication Administration Permissions

Prescribed and over-the-counter medications will be kept in the possession of either the child or authorized, trained Zoo staff, to be determined by the required parental permission form. Medications will be self-administered by the child with staff supervision, so only a correct pre-measured dose should accompany the child to the Zoo program. Zoo personnel will only administer medication in emergency situations, such as epi-pen for life-threatening allergies per the Food Allergy & Anaphylaxis Emergency Care Plan or emergency inhaler. The parent/guardian must assume responsibility for informing Zoo personnel in writing of any change in the child's health or change in medication.

Zoo personnel will only administer medication in an emergency per the Food Allergy & Anaphylaxis Emergency Care Plan. Neither the Saint Louis Zoo nor its personnel shall incur liability due to adverse effects of medication administered as authorized by the parent/guardian.

Storage and Administration of Medication

A parent/guardian or other responsible party designated by the parent/guardian will provide all medication to either the child or the Zoo designee. All medication, prescription or over-the-counter, must be in a pharmacy or manufacturer-labeled container and clearly labeled with child's name. The Zoo shall provide secure, locked storage for medication for extended programs or pre-school to prevent diversion, misuse, or ingestion by another individual. Medications carried by Zoo staff during outdoor activities will be carried in a temperature-controlled container. The Zoo will not provide temperature-controlled containers for children authorized by their parent/guardian to keep possession of their own medication.

For any needs outside of this policy, the parent/guardian must contact Zoo staff at least two weeks prior to program start date. Children should be prepared to self-administer, with the exception of emergencies. Zoo staff will provide reminders as necessary or requested.



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Permission Form for Prescribed and Over-the-Counter Medications

Child/Participant Name: _____

Child/Participant Date of Birth: _____

Program Title: _____ Program Date: _____

Name of Medication: _____

Reason for Medication: _____

Form of Medication: Tablet/Capsule_____ Liquid_____ Inhaler_____ Injection_____
Nebulizer_____ Other: _____

Instructions (schedule and dose to be self-administered at Zoo):

Known anticipated side effects for this child:

Child/participant can carry medication while attending Zoo program: Yes_____ No_____

Medication will be kept overnight at the Zoo during extended programs: Yes _____ No_____

I give permission for (name of child): _____
to receive medication at the Saint Louis Zoo as indicated above. The medication is in its
original container.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Phone: (____)_____ Date: _____

Emergency Contact Information

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Phone: (____)_____